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Ghent, January 3. N. S.

YEsterday Morning 30 Battalions and 40 Squadrons were ranged along the Cauſey, from the outward Barrier of the Bruſſels Gate, to receive the French Garriſon; about 10 a-Clock they began to come out, with the Comte de la Motte and other General Officers at their Head, who ſaluted the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene, as did likewiſe all the Troops, which being very numerous, it was near ſeven at Night before they had all paſſed by. Monſieur de la Motte and the Baron de Capres were on Horſeback with his Grace and Prince Eugene the whole time, and then followed their Troops to Gavre in their way to Tournay, between nine and ten at Night. His Grace, after Supping with Prince Eugene, came into Town incognito; and going this Morning to view our Attacks and the Outworks, at his return at Noon he was received at his entring the Gate of St. Liven by the Magiſtrates, who, after making their Compliment on this Occaſion, preſented his Grace with the Keys of the Town in a gilded Baſon, which he returned, and was conducted by them through a Lane of the Burghers under Arms to the Town-houſe, where a ſplendid Entertainment was prepared for his Grace, the Generals, and other chief Officers of the Army. In the Evening there was an illumination on the Tower of the Town-houſe, which is a Ceremony that has not been obſerved for many Years paſt. The Burghers by their loud Acclamations expreſs'd their great Satisfaction at the Reduction of the Town, which was not a little augmented by the Enemies evacuating of Bruges, the Magiſtrates of which Place came hither yeſterday in the Evening, to acquaint his Grace that the French Garriſon marched out in the Night, and to make their Submiſſion. The Campaign being thus brought to a happy Concluſion, moſt of the Troops begin their March to morrow towards their reſpective Garriſons. Prince Eugene went this Morning for Bruſſels, where his Grace will join him to morrow, and the beginning of the next Week they deſign to go together to the Hague, to concert with the States, before his Highneſs returns to Vienna, whither he will be going Poſt after two or three Days ſtay in Holland.

Hague, January 4. N. S. The Recruits deſigned for the Palatine Troops in Catalonia are on their March from Grave, in order to go on Board the Squadron deſigned for the Mediterranean, which lyes in the Texel. General Frieſheim has orders to conduct them thither. The Marſhal de Boufflers is returned into Flanders, to ſecure the Frontier Places. Letters from Italy ſay, that the Accommodation between the Courts of Vienna and Rome is not ſo far advanced as has been reported. General Zumjungen, who was ſent to Rome by General Thaun, is returned to the Army, much diſpleaſed with the Succeſs of his Meſſage. It is ſaid the Germans intend to March very ſuddenly to Rome; and that they are already paſſed Rimini. The Pope's Troops are at Peruggia, but plunder the Country, without obſerving any manner of Diſcipline. They write from Leipzig, that King Auguſtus arrived there on the 23d of the laſt Month; and that his Majeſty deſigned the next Day to go to Dreſden. Advices from Poland ſay, that General Mazeppa had formed a deſign to carry over to the Swediſh Army the whole Body of Coſſacks; but was not followed by above 1000 Men: The Chief of which number are returned to the Muſcovites. Thoſe Letters add, that Prince Menzikoff, ſince the Revolt of General Mazeppa, had ſeized the Town of Baturin, which was the Place of that General's Reſidence. Monſieur Skoropatsky is choſen in his ſtead General of the Coſſacks. The King of Sweden has entrenched his Army between Starodub and Czernikow; and it is ſaid the Czar waits on the other ſide of the Deſna, 'till that River is frozen, in order to march over it, and attack the Swedes in their Camp. On the 2d Inſtant Monſieur Vlcertman arrived here with the Capitulation of Ghent, which is in Subſtance as follows:

I. THAT the Roman Catholick Religion ſhall be preſerved in its full and free Exerciſe, without Innovation. *Granted.*

II. That the preſent Capitulation ſhall affect only the two Crowns; and that the Clergy and Magiſtracy of Ghent ſhall diſtinctly treat for themſelves. *Granted.*

III. That a Gate of the ſaid Town ſhall be delivered to the Troops of the Allies on the 31ſt of this Inſtant December, at ten in the Morning; unleſs between this and that Day the Town ſhall be relieved. The Gate to be then delivered, ſhall be the Gate at the Attack of St. Pierre; as alſo the Port of Succours of the Citadel; at which ſhall be poſted ſome Troops of the preſent Garriſon, ſeparated from thoſe of the Allies by Barriers, in the middle of the Arch, under thoſe Gates, in order to prevent the mixture of the Troops, and the Diſorder which may probably happen thereupon. *Granted.*

IV. That all Perſons in the Service of the two Crowns, of what Character or Condition ſoever, without Exception, whether named or not in this Capitulation, ſhall go out of this Town on the ſecond of January, 1709. at nine of the Clock in the Morning, at the Gate of Courtray, with Arms, Equipage, Drums beating, Ball in Mouth, Match lighted on both Ends, with Ammunition for 20 Charges, Colours flying, and 10 pieces of Cannon lately brought from France; four Patterero's, with their Carriages, and Ammunition for 12 Charges of each Piece, for Tournay, by the neareſt Way, in four or five Days, marching or halting at the Choice of the Beſieged, without being obliged, on any Pretence whatſoever, to a quicker March than the Beſieged ſhall approve of, with regard to the Seaſon, and the Roads; and that the Beſiegers ſhall allow them a ſufficient Convoy, for the Safety both of the Garriſon and their Equipage. *Granted, except that there ſhall be allowed but 12 Charges for the Garriſon, and ſix Pieces of the Cannon lately come from France, with Ammunition for 12 Charges.*

V. That for the Tranſportation of the ſaid 10 Pieces of Cannon, Patterero's, Ammunition and Equipage, as well as of the Sick and Wounded to Tournay, the Allies ſhall provide a ſufficient number of Boats and Boatmen: To which Boats there ſhall be a ſufficient Guard allowed by the Allies, for the ſafety of the Sick. In caſe the River Schelde ſhall not be Navigable, a ſufficient number of Land Carriages ſhall be ready on the 31ſt Inſtant, that the Beſieged may have time to load the ſaid Carriages, ſo as to march out with the whole Garriſon, and arrive at Tournay at the ſame time. *Granted for the Artillery mentioned in the precedent Article, as alſo for the Equipage, at the Charge of the Beſieged, and as for a ſufficient number of Boats, the Beſieged may immediately have enough of them in the Town of Ghent.*

VI. That the Sick and Wounded, who are in the Town and Caſtle of Ghent, and ſhall be in a condition to bear being removed, ſhall be furniſhed in the ſame manner with Boats, Boatmen and Carriages, ſufficient to convey them to Tournay by the neareſt way, at the Expence of the Allies. *Granted at the Expence of the Beſieged.*

VII. That the Sick and Wounded who cannot be removed at the time of the march of the Troops, ſhall be allowed to remain in Ghent, and be ſupply'd with proper Food, Lodging and Medicine, at the Charge of the Allies, according to the manner in which they are taken care of

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